Abolition of Essentiality of Car Export Under New Auto Policy

†1444. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
DR. D. MASTHAN:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the car manufacturing industry has requested Government to abolish the essentiality of car export by formulating a new Auto Policy;

(b) whether Govenrment have since considered their request and taken any decision in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof as also the details of essentiality of car export for the car industry; and

(d) whether the car industry is fulfilling the promise in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH): (a) and (b) No specific proposal/suggestion on this issue from the any company has been received. however, several suggestion from different quarters including the car manufacturing Industry have been received for incorporation into the new Auto Policy which is in the process of being finalised.

(c) and (d) As per the present policy the passenger car manufacturers, are required to sign a memorandum of understanding with the Government of India committing themselves to achieving a broad neutralisation of foreign exchange in terms of balancing between the actual CIF value of imports of CKD/SKD Kits/Components and the FOB value of exports of cars and auto components. The period for this export obligation commences from the third year of commencement of production. The period of fulfillment of EO is still not over. Hence, the question of a company not fulfilling the export obligation does not arise at this stage.

Industrial Growth Rate

†1445. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH "LALAN":
SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the industrial growth rate till now in the current year is estimated to be less than the target fixed;

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